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SOVIET ARMY CELEBRATES MAY DAY 1951

Parades were held on 1 May 1951 in many cities of the USSR in connection with the celebration of May Day. Garrison commanders issued parade orders during the week preceding the holiday. Military units from local garrisons and military schools led the parades, which were followed by large-scale civilian demonstrations. The emphasis this year again was predominantly civilian.

In Soviet central and provincial press coverage of the May Day celebration, anti-American propaganda was considerably toned down, as compared with press descriptions of the 7 November 1950 celebrations. The main emphasis this year was on peaceful construction and the new state loan. Lead articles told of the progress of Soviet agriculture and industry under the postwar Five-Year Plan, contrasting it with the economic chaos prevailing in the US and in Great Britain and with American-British plans and preparations for a new world war. Special articles, written by party and government officials rather than by military men, also emphasized peaceful civilian activity but were more vitriolic in denouncing capitalist imperialism. In line with the peace theme, and for the first time in many years in connection with such a parade, Pravda, on 3 May, featured a picture of Stalin on Lenin's Tomb with a little girl presenting him with flowers. On 2 and 4 May, most Moscow papers carried the usual-type picture of Stalin, together with top party and government officials, reviewing the parade from atop the tomb.

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May Day activity centered about Moscow and the parade there. Bad weather again caused the parade to be cut short, but air and cavalry units were able to participate.

High-ranking military leaders stood on Stalin's right on Lenin's Tomb during the parade. They included: Admiral I. S. Yumashev, Naval Minister USSR; Marshals of the Soviet Union S. M. Budenny and L. A. Govorov; Colonel General of Aviation P. F. Zhigarev; Marshal of the Soviet Union I. Konev; General of the Army S. M. Shtemenko; Marshal of the Soviet Union V. D. Sokolovskiy; Marshal of the Soviet Union A. M. Vasilevskiy, War Minister USSR; and Marshals of the Soviet Union K. Ya. Voroshilov and N. A. Bulganin, who stood next to Stalin. The principal address, made by Marshal Vasilevskiy, carried in the 4 May issue of Pravda, contrasted the economic development of the people's democracies with that of the imperialist countries.

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Vechernyaya Moskva, 3 May 1951, in its description of the May Day parade, reported that armored troop carriers of the Taman' Rifle Division passed four abreast in review, but did not specify the number.

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Information of positive intelligence value was almost completely missing in press coverage of the May Day celebration. Parade orders, in many instances, gave only official titles or only the name of the garrison commander.

The following military personnel were identified in connection with May Day 1951 celebrations:

Antonov, A. -- General of the Army; Commander, Transcaucasus Military District; reviewed troops at May Day parade in Tbilisi. (Zarya Vostoka, 4 May 51)

Artem'yev -- Colonel General; Commander, Moscow Garrison; Commander, Moscow Military District; commander of troops in May Day parade in Moscow. (Pravda, 2 May 51)

Chibisov -- Colonel General; Commander, Minsk Garrison. (Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 29 Apr 51)

Dement'yev -- Commissar of Militia 3d Rank; Chief, Militia Administration, Tallin. (Sovetskaya Estoniya, 29 Apr 51)

Gerasimenko -- Lieutenant General; Commander, Riga Garrison. (Sovetskaya Latvija, 29 Apr 51)

Grechko, A. A. -- Guards Colonel General; Commander, Kiev Military District; reviewed troops at May Day parade in Kiev. (Krasnaya Zvezda, 4 May 51)

Kanin -- Chief, Militia Administration, Frunze Oblast. (Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 29 Apr 51)

Kazaryan, R. I. -- Commissar of Militia 3d Rank; Chief, Militia Administration, Yerevan. (Kommunist, 29 Apr 51)

Khctyashev -- Lieutenant Colonel; Commandant, Riga Garrison. (Sovetskaya Latvija, 29 Apr 51)

Kosyakin -- Lieutenant General; Commander, Kiev Garrison. (Pravda Ukrainy, 28 Apr 51)

Kovalev -- Colonel General; commanded troops in May Day parade in Leningrad. (Leningradskaya Pravda, 29 Apr 51)

Krasnoshtanov, I. D. -- Guards Major General; Commander, Kishinev Garrison; reviewed troops at May Day parade in Kishinev. (Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 4 May 51)

Kraynov, N. I. -- Commissar of Militia 2d Rank; Chief, Militia Administration, Moscow. (Krasnaya Zvezda, 1 May 51)

Kudidze -- Colonel; Commandant, Tbilisi Garrison. (Zarya Vostoka, 1 May 51)

Luchinskiy, A. -- Colonel General; Commander, Leningrad Garrison; Commander, Leningrad Military District; reviewed troops at May Day parade in Leningrad. (Leningradskaya Pravda, 4 May 51)

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Mandzhgaladze -- Commissar of Militia 3d Rank; Chief, Militia Administration, Tbilisi. (Zarya Vostoka, 1 May 51).

Meretskov, K. A. -- Marshal of the Soviet Union; Commander, White Sea Military District; reviewed troops at May Day parade in Petrozavodsk. (Leninskoye Znamya, 4 May 51)

Paramzin -- Guards Major General; Commandant, Leningrad Garrison. (Leningradskaya Pravda, 29 Apr 51)

Petrov, I. Ye. -- General of the Army; Commander, Turkestan Military District; reviewed troops at May Day parade in Tashkent. (Pravda Vostoka, 4 May 51)

Rukhadze, N. H. -- Minister of State Security Georgian SSR; on reviewing stand for May Day parade in Tbilisi. (Zarya Vostoka, 4 May 51)

Shostatskiy -- Commissar of Militia 3d Rank; Chief, Militia Administration, Vil'nyus Oblast. (Sovetskaya Litva, 29 Apr 51)

Sinilov -- Lieutenant General; Commandant, Moscow Garrison. (Krasnaya Zvezda, 1 May 51)

Spiridonov -- Lieutenant General; Commandant, Moscow Kremlin. (Krasnaya Zvezda, 1 May 51)

Solov'yev -- Commissar of Militia 3d Rank; Chief, Militia Administration, Leningrad. (Leningradskaya Pravda, 29 Apr 51)

Tarasov, A. -- Lieutenant General; commanded troops in May Day parade in Tbilisi. (Zarya Vostoka, 4 May 51)

Timoshenko, S. K. -- Marshal of the Soviet Union; reviewed troops at May Day parade in Minsk. (Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 4 May 51)

Trantin -- Major General; Commandant, Kiev Garrison. (Pravda Ukrainy, 28 Apr 51)

Tsanava, L. F. -- Minister of State Security Belorussian SSR; appeared on reviewing stand at May Day parade in Minsk. (Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 4 May 51)

Tsiganov -- Guards Major General; commanded troops in May Day parade in Riga. (Sovetskaya Latvija, 29 Apr 51)

Yumashev, I. S. -- Admiral; Naval Minister USSR. Recent photos of Yumashev published during May Day celebrations show him wearing medals in the new fashion -- diagonally, in line with left lapel. Yumashev and Colonel General of Aviation P. F. Zhigarev were the only military leaders atop Lenin's Tomb during the May Day parade shown wearing medals diagonally. (Vechernyaya Moskva, 3 May 51)

Yushkevich -- Major General; Commander, Tbilisi Garrison. (Zarya Vostoka, 1 May 51)

Zadorozhnyy -- [No rank given]; designated to carry out 20-gun salute in honor of May Day by Commander of Vil'nyus Garrison. (Sovetskaya Litva, 1 May 51)

Zheglov -- Deputy Chief, Militia Administration, Kishinev. (Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 29 Apr 51)

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